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The Wonder of the Written Word

Ms. Biggs' Grade Eleven English class is discovering just this: they can move people with their words. The students are writing their own children's stories

stories will dovetail with their projects on trapeze

the judgment of the Grade Two's will be incorporated as part of the overall mark for this project."

To bring their current theme of *Circus* to life, literally, the

Grade Two's are planning to present a circus themselves. The first Selwyn House Circus will be performed on Friday, March 6. All Grade Two parents are invited.

In addition, the Grade Two's, along with friends and family, will be visiting the Shriners' Circus on Sunday, March 1.

artists, lion trainers, and bareback riders.

using either *Circus* or *Fairy Tales* as the theme.

After finishing the stories, the Grade Eleven's will read them to Ms. Burke's and Mrs. Lunt's Grade Two classes. Both Grade Two classes are in the midst of a unit on *The Circus*; many of these

Ms. Biggs believes, "the most satisfying part of writing is to do so for a real audience - in this case, the Grade Two's - rather than to address a pretend audience. This way the actual response is the best barometer of whether the writer's purpose has been achieved. Indeed,

It's Almost Sugaring Time

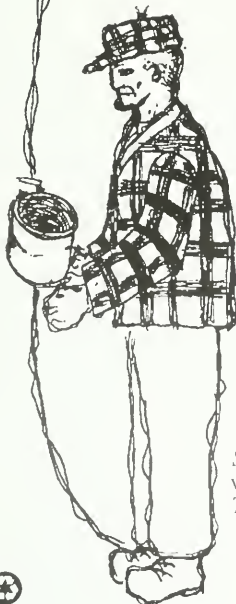
We are fortunate in the library to be the recipient of generous donations from members of the SHS community. *The World is My Home* by James Michener was recently given by the family of Nicholas Baass '96. This memoir from the author of *Hawaii*, *The Caribbean*, and *Space* traces the whole of his extraordinary life. Michener began his writing career at the age of forty with the bestseller and Pulitzer Prize winner *Tales of the South Pacific*.

February will indeed give way to March

Forty-five years later Michener still captivates the imagination with detailed novels about all corners of the world.

A long-time benefactor, the family of Tyler Cavell '94, donated *Sugaring Time*, a Newbury Honor Book by Katheryn Jacky. For those who pine for the return of spring to the great frozen north, *Sugaring Time* illustrates that February will indeed give way to March, and that the running of the sap will commence.

Virginia Ferguson
Librarian



Des nouvelles du français s'il-vous-plaît!

Du nouveau ? ... l'impro!...les tournois!...les sorties!...C'est chose connue que S.H.S fait partie depuis juin dernier de la Ligue d'Improvisation Des Écoles Anglaises du Québec. Par contre, saviez-vous que le tournoi décisif se tiendra à l'École Trafalgar le 3 avril à 19:00 hres ?

De plus, saviez-vous que tous les élèves de 8ième ainsi que les élèves de 9ième langue maternelle participent à un concours oratoire et que les gagnants participeront à la finale du Study le 27 février à 14:30 hres. Et que parmi ceux-ci, certains participeront au concours d'art oratoire du Mouvement pour l'Enseignement Privé?

Pour la quatrième année consécutive les élèves de 9, 10, 11 LM participeront au tournoi "La tête et les jambes" au Study

le 15 avril. Cette activité organisée dans le cadre de la semaine du français se veut être une compétition "Génies en herbe" et ballon panier.

Le 20 février tous les élèves de 10 ième ainsi que les 11 LM vont voir la pièce UBU Roi présentée à la NCT.

Le 25 février tous les 8ième vont au cinéma IMAX voir "Les Montagnes de feu".

Le 4 mars les 9ième vont voir "Corps Étranger" au théâtre La Licorne.

Le 16 avril le théâtre Petit à Petit vient présenter "Marco chausait des dix" à pour tout le secondaire.

Le 22 avril les 7 et 8 ième vont à La NCT voir "La nef des fous".

Au primaire, ça bouge en français!

Au mois de janvier, nos petits de première année sont allés à la Maison Théâtre assister au spectacle de marionnettes intitulé "La petite marchande d'allumette".

"Les troisièmes" ont passé trois jours (du 5 au 7 février) à la classe-neige à l'Auberge du p'tit Bonheur, dans les Laurentides! Ils ont fait de la raquette, du ski de randonnée, de la glissade, du ballon-balai et du patinage.

Par petits groupes guidés, ils sont allés faire de l'observation et de l'orientation en forêt. Ils ont appris plusieurs notions de survie en construisant des abris et en faisant un petit feu tout en mangeant de la "banik" (pain indien), expérience mémorable pour certains!

Le soir, nos petits amis sont allés faire une promenade au flambeau et ont bu du chocolat chaud autour d'un joyeux feu de camp tout en écoutant émerveillés, les légendes racontées par leurs moniteurs! Ils ont aussi fait un tour de carriole dans la forêt en chantant bien fort...pour se réchauffer!

Ce fut une expérience qui restera longtemps gravée dans leur mémoire! Si vous voyez un élève de troisième année, demandez-lui de vous chanter la chanson "Flee fly flo", vous verrez naître un immense sourire sur son visage!

On the night of January 30, while the rest of the Selwyn House community was heading home, 34 students and five staff members were boarding a plane bound for Amsterdam. Thus started the wrestling and ice hockey trip to Europe. In just ten days the group traveled to four countries, competed against top teams, and witnessed first hand the beauty of the Rhine River Valley, the Cathedrals of Salzburg, and the Austrian Alps.

The Wrestling Team met with a difficult schedule. Competing against clubs which have the advantage of practicing year-round, the wrestlers found themselves pitted against well trained, highly schooled individuals, some of whom are members of national teams.

Coach Moore was impressed with the Selwyn House students' response. "Although the competition was tough, they maintained their spirit and determination." The spirit of this group is illustrated in their voluntary training run up the mountain in Salzburg.

Particularly impressive were Nick Robinson '93 who won three out of four matches, Patrick McEntyre '92 and Trevor Young '94 who recorded their first inter-national wins and

Selwyn House Wrestling & Hockey Teams Tour Europe

Jonathan Wakrat '94 who lost a close 11-10 overtime match in Germany.

Another highlight was practising in Cologne where the athletes trained with senior wrestlers and learned Greco-Roman and Freestyle techniques.

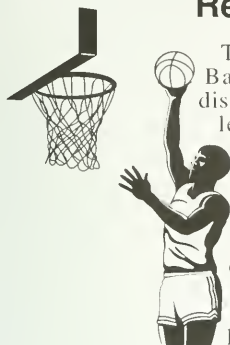
The Hockey Team had its share of new athletic experiences as well. Huge ice surfaces (rinks 225' x 85' versus 200' x 65') allowed for faster and more open play. In addition, the European teams focus on offensive skills so Selwyn faced some remarkably adept shooters.

The squad opened against Den Haag who had not lost a game in two years. Despite jet lag, the Gryphons put on a remarkable show of strength and won 7-2. The most difficult match came against the Neuss Ice Hockey Club. Selwyn's team play and forechecking made the difference, and the Gryphons dominated 2-0.

Overall, the trip provided both teams with an opportunity to travel and to participate in the European sport system.

Thanks go to all those who helped raise money for the trip and supported the effort. Without this help the tour would not have been possible.

Senior Basketball Remains Undaunted



The Selwyn House Senior Basketball Team has faced disappointment this season. Our league record of 1-9 reflects neither the team's talent nor the team's ability.

Our squad, however, refuses to give up. Much of this spirit is due to the encouragement and coaching of Mr. Alfie Paoletti who emphasizes the importance of enjoying the game, win or lose.

This attitude has helped the team. In our last two league games we improved but simply lacked the finishing touches to secure victory.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank first, Mr. Paoletti for his patience and perseverance and second, our loyal fans including Selwyn House students, parents, teachers, and even our friends from The Study and Trafalgar. Their constant support has buoyed the team's spirit.

Next weekend the team heads off to Toronto for the St. Georges' Tournament. We hope to end the year on a strong note and bring home the championship trophy.

Chris Dedicik '93
Co-Captain

X-Country Skiing Takes to the Woods



Canada is blessed with a vast winter wilderness. An exciting way to experience this rugged beauty is to ski the forest tracks and back woods. The goal of skiing at Selwyn House is to develop skills so that the athletes can enjoy this winter sport for the rest of their lives.

Rainstorms kept the Selwyn team in running shoes for most of January's training sessions. When the snow finally arrived, the athletes had less than two weeks to practice before their first event. The calendar began with the Lifa Loppet at Grey Rocks near Mt. Tremblant on February 2. Eric Goldwarg '95, one of the youngest competitors, skated the complete 25K, course.

In the first G.M.A.A. race on Mt. Royal, Eric skied to a second place finish in the bantam group. Startling newcomer Dan Freiheit '93 posted a strong first place finish in the midget group and Colin Grey '92, who cruised to an easy second place finish in the juvenile group. Colin was conserving his energy for the world's longest cross-country event, the 170K. Canadian Ski Marathon, which he was to ski in that weekend.

As practice continues the team will use the two mountain races and one major loppet left on the official schedule to focus energy and improve technique.

Brad Moffat
Physics Teacher and Cross-Country Ski Coach

Selwyn House Students Host Alternative School

The annual G.M.A.A. Winter Festival activity allows Selwyn House students to pair-up with a student from one of Montreal's alternative schools for a morning of either skating, cross-country skiing, or snowshoeing.

For Selwyn House students the day brings moments of interest, concern, intrepidation, and discovery. For the students from the alternative school, the day provides an opportunity to make new friends and improve self-esteem while enjoying a day outdoors.

Seniors Take Staff to the Cleaners

The Staff had a few problems holding their own last week in the annual Senior-Staff Basketball Game. The contest was close until the last 15 minutes when the youthful enthusiasm of highly

Game MVPs

Senior: Chris Dedicik who slam-dunked over the heads of the assembled multitude.

Staff: 'Downtown' Phil Litvack who, decked in his badmitten whites, popped in the game's only three-pointer.

tuned athletes overtook, surpassed and buried the aging grace of balding staff (speak for yourself Alfie). And so, once again, there is a lesson to be learned. It is not whether you win or lose the game but how well you accept the loss. It takes the wisdom and maturity of a Selwyn House teacher to handle such a devastating defeat.

Alfie Paoletti
Senior Basketball Coach



Parent Canvassers: The Key to Annual Giving Success

A Wine & Cheese Reception was held for all those canvassers who helped raise money for this year's Annual Giving. Thanks go to these people who gave their time and energy to contact current and past parents.

We also want to thank those who responded - your participation strengthens our programme and makes Selwyn

House able to deliver the quality education that it does. For all of you who have yet to give, we hope you will consider a donation to help us pass last year's total of \$100,000. This year's Annual Giving supports student financial aid, faculty development, and the construction of an Elementary School play ground.

Guggenheim Masterpieces in Montreal

The Grade Ten and Eleven Art Option and Art Matric classes will be going to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts to see the "Masterpieces from the Guggenheim Museum" on Tuesday, March 3. The paintings and sculpture are from the Guggenheim's permanent collection and illustrate the history of Modern Art.

Selwyn House Mathematicians Bring Home the Silver

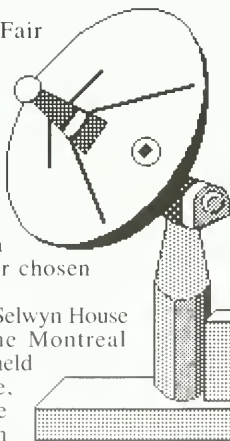
Every December Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School holds its annual Grade Seven Math Competition. Over 200 students representing 20 Montreal-area schools compete. This year three Grade Sevens won silver medals: Noah Bloom '96, Mark Spielman '96 and Tri Vinh Van '96.

Selwyn House Science Fair

The Annual Science Fair will take place on Tuesday, March 3 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 in the evening.

The Fair is open to all Grade Seven and Eight students. Entrants choose a topic, research it, and then devise an experiment or set up a display to illustrate their chosen topic.

The top eight from the Selwyn House Fair will compete at the Montreal Regional Fair. The Fair, held at Marianopolis College, brings together top science students from 23 local high schools and two CEGEPs.



Last year, five of the six Selwyn House projects won awards and two of these, major recognition. Eric Goldwarg '95 received a prize for his project on glaciers, and Jesse Henderson-Ikeman '95

and David Williams '95 won for their project on the eye and optical illusions.

Jesse Henderson-Ikeman explained,

"This annual event is more than just a school project. Besides learning about your subject, if you win you advance to a more competitive competition. The whole experience is worthwhile and exciting." The Regional Fair will take place on March 29, 30, and 31. All

are invited.

